THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) Though there are no such instructions, Medical Officers working in C.G.H.S. dispensaries are normally transferred after completion of 4 years. Other employees working in the C.G.H.S. are transferred subject to administrative convenience.

Procurement of Dornier plane for Vayudoot

1217. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the article published in the Hindustan Times of 3rd April, 1987 wherein it has been stated that Government are spending Rs. 2.50 crores in foreign exchange for the equipment and engine of the Vayudoot aircraft while small aircraft of same capacity as Vayudoot can be purchased straight away from the Western countries;

(b) if so, whether this aspect of the matter was not taken into consideration while negotiating the contract with the DORNIER & GERRETT of U.S.A. and what are the details of the present agreement with that firm; and

(c) what is the final cost of a Vayudoot aircraft indicating the cost of Indian components and those supplied by the DORNIER & GERRETT of U.S.A.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Youth hostels in Madhya Pradesh

1218. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of youth hostels constructed in Madhya Pradesh so far;

(b) whether there is any proposal to construct more youth hostels during the Seventh Five Year Plan; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof with locations and amount sanctioned therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) One.

(b) and (c) Subject to availability of land and financial resources, there is a proposal to take up the construction of 60 more youth hostels all over the country during the Seventh Five Year Plan. For selecting suitable sites, 75 locations have been identified so far. Out of these, funds have been released for construction of youth hostels at 14 places. Details are given in the statement attached.

Statement

The following locations have been identified for selecting suitable sites for construction of youth hostels:—

1. Nagarjunasagar
2. Ranchi
3. Bodhgaya
4. Simla
5. Chandigarh
6. Srinagar
7. Gulmarg
8. Bangalore
9. Khajuraho
10. Bombay
11. Gopalpur-on-Sea
12. Bikaner
13. Jaisalmer